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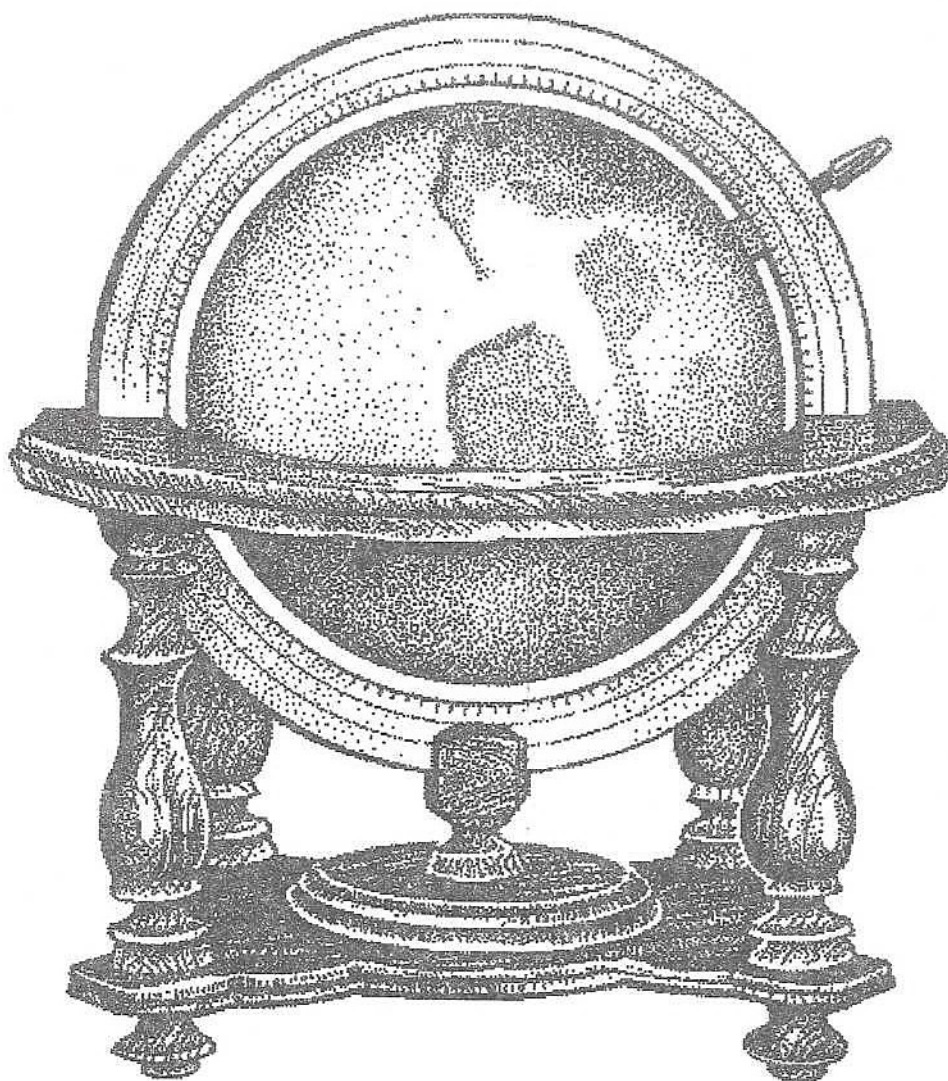
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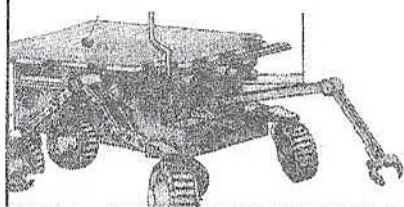
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*Our World
became a little
smaller
this month.*



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From the PRESIDENT



Presidents Report 1996-7

Members, it is with pleasure I present the annual report of the Ballarat Amateur Radio Group Inc.

This year has been a successful year in the Club's history as we have our own club rooms and a permanent home for many years we hope.

This is my second year in succession as your president as due to unforeseen circumstances the vice president was not able to take up the position.

Once again we had a most successful Hamvention in the last weekend of October, which has now become traditional in the Amateur Calendar each year. The success is due to the work done by all members led by Tom VK3DMK and Chris., who took over the catering at a late stage together with the ladies. Instead of paying for a meal in the admission, it was suggested that food be purchased as a separate item and the free tea & coffee be still available. This proved most practical and financially successful. The fox hunting was run in a different manner with foxes operating together so that hounds could chase a fox of their choice but still having to catch all foxes. This proved welcome with contestants and will be improved on for next year.

For a number of years the club has been looking for a home and just prior the Christmas we were able to take possession of one of the huts at the Ballarat Airport and with some working bees we have had our meeting out there since. Doug VK3KAY has almost been the caretaker watering the grass during the summer and lighting fires during the colder weather. At the moment we have not signed a lease, but when this is done we will further modify the building to suit our purpose.

This year for the first time for many years there were not enough applicants for novice classes to run with BRACE so Tom has conducted them at the club rooms. The club thanks Tom & the other instructors for their work and Charlie VK3DCS as exam co-ordinator for the work done, as he made sure that all examiners have done their share of work.

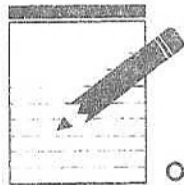
This year we have as usual been involved with JOTA thanks to Jeff VK3PAP who each year brings forward that association with the Scouts of Ballarat. We also took part in the John Moyle contest, from the club rooms, something we have missed for a couple of years, although not in the field, it was most successful thanks to the catering of Mary VK3FMC.

It is hoped that we will have a retired group meeting during the day in the coming year, where those who do not like going out at night may meet during the day and use club facilities. This could be in addition to our Monday construction nights which are still popular either for building or repairing gear or for just chatting radio, as we now have a radio room set up with the clubs radios where licensed members and students may gain experience.

I would like to thank secretary Geoff VK3ADB, treasurer Murray VK3AAI and all members of the committee for their support and Norm VK3LBA for his production of news letters often at great haste as there is little time after committee meetings and a deadline to get the news letters to members before the monthly meetings.

I also thank the members for the honour to have been your president and offer the new committee my support and the support of the club.

Gordon Cornell VK3FGC
President



The Minutes



of the JUNE General Meeting held on 27th. June 1997

MEETING opened at 8.07 pm by President Gordon FGC, who welcomed one and all and extended best wishes to those unable to attend due to illness.

APOLOGIES

were then tendered on behalf of the following VK3s: NIZ, CFB, CFH, JFL, LBA and Val, AAP.
Moved DMK / DCS.

MINUTES: were presented and accepted as circulated in the Newsletter. Moved ADB / DMK

CORRESPONDENCE:

	Amateur Radio
Newsletters -	HBARC
	EMDRC
	Capricornia R.C.
Letters -	George - VK3DOK
	Jeff - VK3AM
	KM Publications
	PowerCor
Out -	Condolences to family of Ernie VK3DET
	City of Ballarat - Mayor & Councillors
	Moved DCS / CIS

TREASURER: A/C for payment - Newsletter Print & Post \$75.16
SuperRun Prints \$33.00
ARRL (5yr Membership) \$226.83 Moved AAI / FMC

REPORTS:

EDUCATION - "Were're on vacation for 2wks."	TNX Tom.
EXAMINATIONS - Verbal queries ! Next candidates to confirm date.	TNX Charlie.
QSLs - 150 out. 2 arrivals for VK3BML for QSOs by Fred KQF and Cliff CB which took place in 1982 and 1986.	TNX Daryl.
SCRAMBLE - Logs to be in by end of June to be eligible.	
NET: - As always - Warm company on these winter evenings.	TNX Reg.
FACILITIES - "Ladies Assembly" - 4 in attendance.	TNX Mary.
HAMVENTION - Catering & Venue organised.	TNX Mary.
TECHNICAL - Alas - Alack - RPC down.!	
WICEN - Great exercise at Lake Tyrell for Mallee Rally. (Good to hear everybody is fit and well.)	TNX Gordon.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Great response to "Where are they now" photograph.

AGM. - Supper to be provided and light refreshments.

Please fill in Nomination Forms and forward post haste to Secretary.

LETTER FROM GEORGE VK3DOK - on "offer of alternative venue at "Marty Busch Reserve". The Secretary being in receipt of "Requisition in writing" (Item 10 Appendix 1) of the Rules of Incorporation shall notify Members of Special Meeting to be held at Marty Busch Reserve at 11am on 19th. July 1997.

MOTION - Committee to investigate possibilities of relocating VK3RPC to a more accessible, less secure, friendly site.

Moved ZHH / BVI

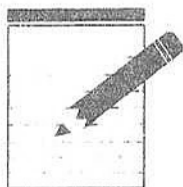
THANKS to David VK3YNB for his assistance in funds transfer re ARRL Application for Membership.
Moved FGC / DOK

MEETING CLOSED: 9.05. **NEXT MEETING:** AGM on 25th July.

SPECIAL MEETING: 19th. July.

FINALLY: What do you call the guy who understands everything you say ???? ——— ROGER.!

73 de Geoff VK3ADB. Email - smith@sebas.vic.edu.au



The Minutes



Minutes of B.A.R.G. Annual General Meeting 26th July 1996.

The AGM for 1996/7 was opened at 7:38pm with President Gordon VK3FGC extending a warm welcome to all present.

APOLOGIES were accepted on behalf of the following VK3's; DS,CFH,TOP,LBA,
NIZ,SE,AEX,N9NAY. (CIZ/FMC)

THE MINUTES of the AGM held on the 28th July 1995 were read and confirmed.
(FMC/JFL)

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President Gordon VK3FGC elaborated on the years activities and expressed heartfelt appreciation of member support during his term of office. See full copy of report presented in July newsletter (on file). Adoption of report, moved FGC seconded AAP.

TREASURERS AUDITED REPORT: was circulated, discussed and accepted.
(KGL/DMK)

RECOMMENDATION: that the annual subscription remain as is for the next financial year.
(DMK/XDQ)

President Gordon presented the following certificates for performances in the BARG weekly 2m scramble.

1995-1996 champion VK3KAY
Championship runner up VK3CAZ
Encouragement earth stake award VK3FAQ

President Gordon expressed appreciation for support during the year and declared all Offices vacant.

The Returning officer - Budd VK3AAP thanked Gordon on behalf of the members, for his efforts during the presidential term. He then called for nominations ! ! ! !

ELECTIONS: The election was duly held and the new offices elected for the 1996/97 year. see attached list.

RECOMMENDATION: That Jeff VK3LU and Bob VK3BNC be once again appointed to auditor BARG financial records.
(DOK/AXH)

Gordon VK3FGC was renominated for club President and unanimous support was given for his second term of office.

Past President Bob VK3BNC presented Gordon with a certificate recognizing his past term in this role.

The AGM concluded at 8:34 pm.

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Notice of Motion



I give notice that at the Annual General Meeting I shall move:

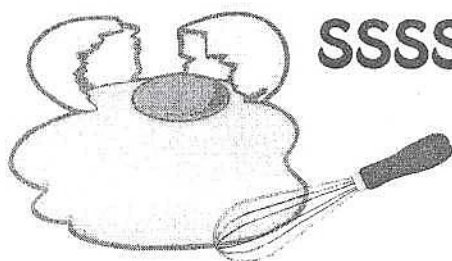
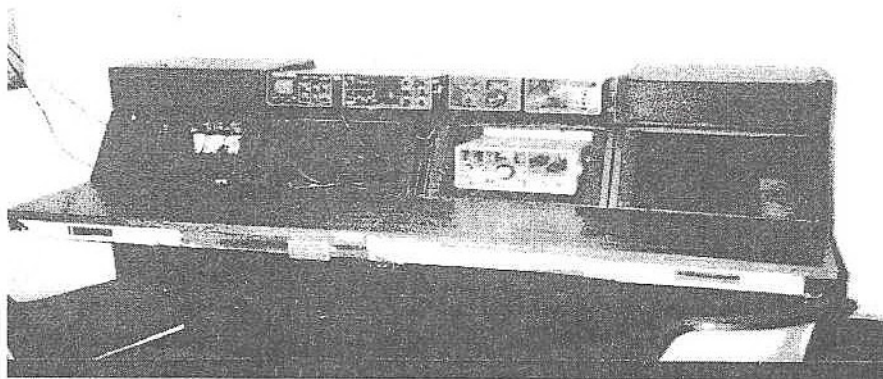
"THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE LAST FRIDAY IN AUGUST EACH YEAR, WITH THE CLOSING OF THE CLUB YEAR REMAINING ON 30TH. JUNE EACH YEAR."

Gordon Cornell VK3FGC.

The short justification is that there is not sufficient time to prepare the financial statements and have them audited and published in the annual report each year.



VK3BML



SSSSCCCCRRRAAAMMBLE RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

CHAMPION: REG CARTER - VK3CAZ
 RUNNER UP: DARYL QUIRK - VK3XDQ
 EARTHSTAKE AWARD - GEORGE FOWLER VK3DOK

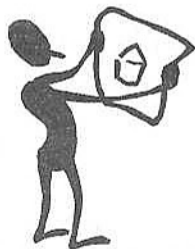
If you haven't participated in the Sunday Night Scramble previously, why not join in the fun on Sunday Night at 7.50 pm. The rules are very simple - *there aren't any*.

All you have to do to score is to beat all other contenders to make contact with each of the stations participating and fill in a simple log. It's good fun so have a go - you might be the next Champ!

QSL REPORT

QSL Manager Daryl reports that during the past year he has expedited 1034 local QSL cards through the system (212 being received and 822 being sent out). The oldest card he has handled was a recent one to confirm a contact which took place in 1988. Thanks Daryl.

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WORD SEARCH

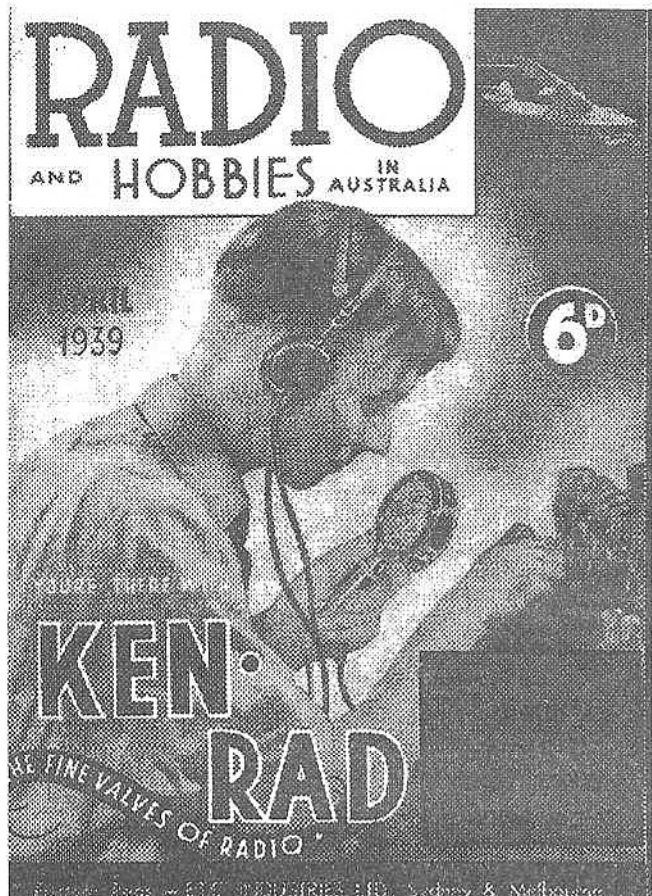


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Cloud
Dew
Fog
Frost
Geyser
Glacier
Hail
Humidity
Hydrate
Ice
Iceberg
Lake

Mineral waters
Ocean
Perspiration
Rain
Reservoir
River
Sleet
Snow
Spring
Steam
Vapor
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Well



ONCE UPON A TIME

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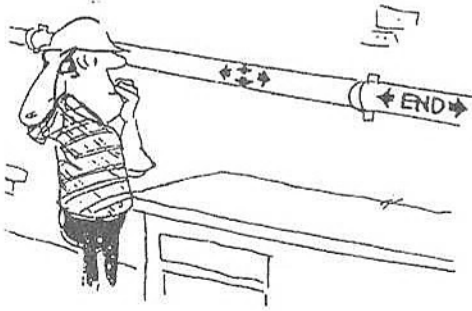
From the maiden "Editorial".

"Radio itself isn't just a single subject. It is a whole host of subjects. It covers electricity, mechanics and sound. It has its romance, and its mathematics. It can lead to hundreds of little by-ways, each of which must be traversed in print, somewhere or other, in a magazine such as this. No other hobby can teach you so much about the wonders of the world in which you live."

The Editors: John Moyle - A.G. Hull.

Hands up those whose interest in electronics was kindled or fostered by "Radio & Hobbies"- later to become "Electronics Australia."

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The Lighter Side of "Pipe Specifications".

All pipes to be made of a long hole, surrounded by metal or plastic centred around the hole.

All pipes to be hollow throughout the entire length. Do not use holes longer than the pipe. The inside diameter of the pipe must not exceed the outside diameter, otherwise the hole will be on the outside.

All pipes to be supplied with nothing in the hole so that water, sewage or other stuff can be put inside at later date.

All pipes should be supplied without rust. This can be more readily supplied at the job site.

(NOTE: Some vendors are now able to supply prerusted pipe. If available in your area, this product is recommended because it will save a great deal of time on the job site.)

All pipe over 153m (500ft) long should have the words "long pipe" clearly painted on each end so the contractor will know it is a long pipe.

Pipes over 3.2km (2 miles) long must have the words "long pipe" painted in the middle so the contractor will not have to walk the entire length of the pipe to determine whether or not the pipe is a long one or a short one.

Flanges must be used on all pipes. Flanges must have holes for bolts quite separate from the big hole in the middle.

When ordering elbows, be sure to specify right or left hand, otherwise you will end up going the wrong way.

Be sure to specify to your vendor whether you want level, uphill or downhill pipe. If you use downhill pipe for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way.

All couplings should have either right or left hand threads, but do not mix the threads, otherwise as the coupling is being screwed on one pipe, it is unscrewed from the other.

Each pipe length must be clearly marked with an arrow denoting direction of flow on each end.

Pipe will be either 'unidirectional' or 'bidirectional' and in such cases, will bear an arrow symbol with the arrow-head pointing to where the conveyed material is supposed to go.

Note: Care must be taken to see that bidirectional pipe does not have arrow-heads pointing toward each other, or a 'no-flow' situation will develop, with the resultant high pressure causing a permanent deformation or rupture. Similarly, arrow heads should not point away from each other or the converse situation will develop when the centre hole will stretch (with consequent reduction in diameter) and flow strangulation will occur.

Taken from "The VENTILATOR"

When you think about it -

Marriage was the first union to defy management.



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The A. B. C. For Amateurs

- A: is for Amateur (Able, Meticulous, Active, Tanacious, Educated, Unique, Rare)
- B: is for Battery (A source of power, or treatment of uncooperative service-men)
- C: is for Choke (A method for getting the last drop of power out of a battery)
- D: is for Dense (Someone who is a few draught horses short in the top paddock)
- E: is for Equipment (Things with knobs, leads, meters and plugs, found in a shack)
- F: is for Frequency (The number of times you do something before getting it right)
- G: is for Ground (What you forgot about while holding the active wire)
- H: is for Handy (The essential gear you haven't got but want to obtain)
- I: is for Irrational (The behaviour of the twit who claims he was on the frequency first)
- J: is for 'J-Pole' (A walking stick for a lame 'wren type' bird)
- K: is for Kit (Something for putting together, that probably won't work)
- L: is for 'ell (A place where all pirate operators should go to)
- M: is for Masterpiece (The kit you built that actually worked)
- N: is for 'nots (What happens to all extension leads and cords when stored)
- O: is for OH! (A polite expression uttered while holding the wrong end of a soldering iron)
- P: is for Profit (What everyone else makes when your gear is sold)
- Q: is for Queue (What usually forms when someone offers a bargain)
- R: is for Repeat (To ensure the message is understood, is understood, is understood,)
- S: is for Sandbagger (One whose speaker is over used and microphone under used)
- T: is for Tube (If filled with vacuum could be a valve. If filled with air use it on your car)
- U: is for You (The person who operates and pays the bills)
- V: is for Versatile (Able to hold six components on board, solder and answer telephone at same time)
- W: is for Wireless (Like radio. Must have forgotten how to make them, all mine have wires in them)
- X: is for X (How you should have marked Question 7, Choice (b), in the last exam)
- Y: is for Yahoo! (A primitive callsign heard when rare DX is encountered)
- Z: is for Zulu (An African time zone. e.g. 0-10 Zulu)

According to Jeff VK5MFR

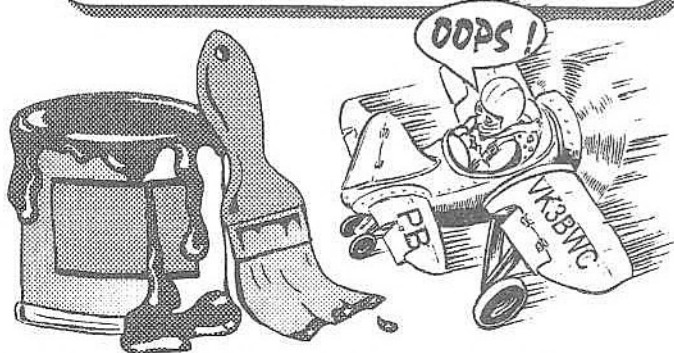
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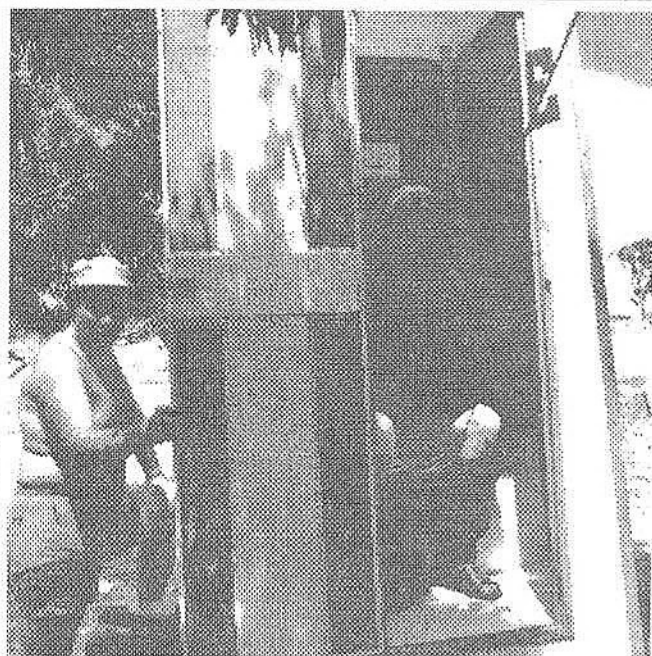
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COMING EVENTS.

July 25th. - Annual Meeting.

August 16th /17th. - Remembrance Day Contest.

August 20th. Committee Meeting

August 29th. General Meeting.

Monday Nights - Construction Nights.

Sunday Nights. 2M Scramble - 7.50pm. 146.425 to 146.600 MHz.

Thursday Nights- Club Net - 3.610 MHz. - 8pm (8.30pm in Daylight Saving)

Thursday Nights - School at Clubrooms.

4th. Wednesday each month -WICEN Training nights.

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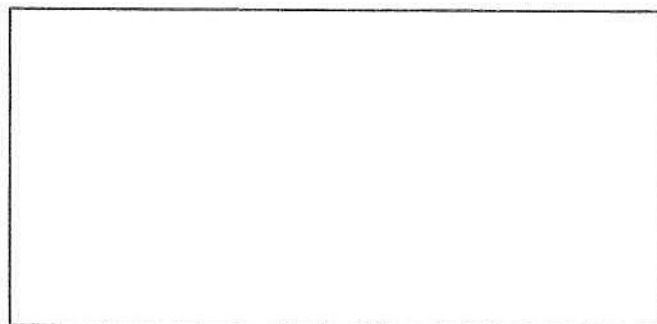
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